

# **Liberty Union High School District**

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### **Definitions of Alternative Credits**

A semester period is one period of 40 to 60 minutes of instructional time per week throughout one semester of at least 17 weeks, or a minimum of 12 clock hours of instructional time provided during the academic year or in summer school. While the content to be covered is planned within these time frames, a student may be granted one semester period of credit even though the student spends less than the aforementioned amount of time in completing the necessary work. (5 CCR 1600)

### **Juvenile Court School**

The district shall accept for credit any course work satisfactorily completed by students while detained in juvenile court school or county or state-operated institution. District students who successfully complete district graduation requirements while so detained shall receive a diploma from the school they last attended. (Education Code 48645.5)

### **Foreign Language Instruction**

The district shall accept for credit foreign language courses successfully completed in a private school, provided that all of the following conditions are met: (Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 1632)

1. The courses are in languages designated in Education Code 51244.
2. The student or parent/guardian applies in writing for the credit, specifies the private school attended and the amount and level of credit requested, and submits written evidence from the private school showing that the student successfully completed the course.
3. The amount of credit sought equals at least one semester's work.
4. The principal or designee determines that the student's achievement is equivalent to that expected of a student of comparable ability taking the same or similar instruction in district schools.

### **Online/Correspondence/College Courses**

The district shall grant up to 60 credits toward high school graduation for course work successfully completed at an out of district accredited program. Exception to this credit policy may be approved by the site principal under special circumstances. High School credit may be awarded with the approval of superintendent or designee based on the following guidelines:

1. The student applies in writing for the credit. (Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 1630)
2. The principal or designee approves concurrent enrollment.
3. At the student's request, the course is not being applied for college toward college graduation. (Title 5, Section 1630)
4. Three and one-third semester periods' high school credit is given for each credit hour earned in college. (Title 5, Section 1630)

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5. Liberty Union High School District courses are required for graduation are listed below and may be taken for remediation only after the student has failed the semester course.

- English I-IV
- Algebra and Geometry
- Physical Education – Grade 9, 10, 11, 12 (10 units)
- Physical Science and Biology
- Health
- World History, US History, Government and Economics

Exceptions:

- English IV second semester may be substituted by a college level class comparable to English 90 offered at Los Medanos College. This class may only be taken after the sixth semester of high school. The purpose of this exception is for students who wish to graduate mid-year.
  - Courses included in the College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement, also referred to as “dual enrollment” or “college credit” courses. The purpose of this exception is to promote and encourage students to take these courses to become “prepared” on the College/Career Readiness Indicator on the California School Dashboard.
6. Courses may be taken that are not included in the Liberty Union High School District course of study provided that they:
- fulfill student’s personal academic needs
  - fulfill student’s career goals
7. Courses may be taken that are included in the Liberty Union High School District course of study provided that:
- the course of study is equivalent to our course of study
  - the course is not included in the Liberty Union High School District Graduation requirements as listed above on #5 unless for remediation.
8. Courses may be taken that are part of an Alternative Pathway for graduation, ie: Agriculture in the Liberty Union High School District providing the course of study meets all district academic requirements, California State Standards and University of California a-g requirements.
9. Required Credentials for Other Courses Used to Fulfill Physical Education Requirements.
- JROTC: In order for all minutes (400) to qualify as a physical education credit for students enrolled in JROTC, the teacher of record must hold either a Designated Subject Credential and a Special Teaching Authorization or a Single Subject Credential in physical education.

### **United States Armed Forces Service**

Fifty (50) units of credit may be earned by a serviceman or veteran provided he/she meets the following requirements:

1. Is 18 years of age or older

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2. Has attended a Liberty Union High School District program
3. Has served in the U.S. Armed Forces for at least 180 days
4. Is a resident of California
5. Has completed all current subject requirements for a diploma from Liberty Union High School District.
6. Supplies Liberty Union High School District with official documentation of all required information necessary for the award of credit.

Units which may be earned from service connected experiences:

- Basic or recruit training - up to 20 units
- Specialist of Technical Training courses which are equivalent to high school courses - 20 units per course
- Vocational Training in a vocation found in civilian life - 20 units per course
- Work experience paralleling high school courses - up to 20 units

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